

# Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: May 12, 2008

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 15: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Tujunga Wash Stream Restoration project.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Tujunga Wash Stream Restoration project, in the amount of \$100,000.

Legislative Authority: Sections 33204.2(a), 33204.27(a), and 75050(g)(2) of the Public Resources Code.

Background: The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84), allocated funds to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in Chapter 7, 75060(d)(1) of the Public Resources Code, for the protection of beaches, bays and coastal waters and watersheds, including projects to prevent the contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds, projects to protect and restore the natural habitat values of coastal waters and lands, and projects and expenditures to promote the access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the state.

Public Resources Code Section 33204(c): “The Conservancy may, in accordance with the priorities of the plan . . . award grants to state agencies, cities, counties, resource conservation districts, and park and recreation districts for the purpose of acquiring sites identified as necessary for park, recreation, or conservation purposes and for development of essential related public facilities.”

On November 29, 2006, the Conservancy authorized Grant SMM-0692 of Prop 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the Tujunga Wash Stream Restoration Project. On September 24, 2007, the Conservancy augmented the grant with Proposition 84 funds.

Construction of the Tujunga Wash Stream Restoration Project was substantially completed in October 2007. The project was funded initially by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and

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Open Space District (Prop A), the California Resources Agency, the California Department of Water Resources and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

The scope of the original grant has not changed. The MRCA has determined that some additional work is necessary to make the project function optimally. The restored stream has now been operating for several months and some slight adjustments must be made to keep the stream in good operating condition. The engineers could not predict the unusually high amounts of sediment that come into the stream from the Wash. Due to the excess sediment, the stream requires additional work to prevent it from filling with sediment. Additional boulders, changes to the height of the weir structure and adjustments to the stream course must be made to prevent the excess sediment from creating an overflow situation at the stream.

Consideration: The amount of the augmentation of Grant No. SMM-0692 to the MRCA would be in the amount of \$100,000.